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SUBJECT: NEW PORTUGUESE LABOR LAW DECREE

REF: LISBON 5013

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GEORGE FOGGON, FCO LABOR ADVISER, BELIEVES THAT THE NEW DRAFT UNION LAW DECREE BEING CIRCULATED BY THE PORTUGUESE MINISTRY OF LABOR WOULD, IF ENACTED, BE A VIOLATION OF ILO CONVENTION NO. 87 ON THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION. END SUMMARY

2. FOGGON SAID THAT WHILE HE DOES NOT HAVE THE FULL TEXT OF THE DRAFT LAW, THE FCO'S RECEIPT FROM ITS LISBON EMBASSY OF SIGNIFICANT EXCERPTS OF THE DRAFT LAW LEADS HIM TO THE CONCLUSION THAT STRICTURES AGAINST INDIVIDUAL UNIONS PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS) AND ITS CONFINEMENT OF UNIONS TO ONE NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTER WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF ILO CONVENTION 87. FOGGON INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE CALLING ATTENTION OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY TO THIS MATTER.

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3. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON MR. FOGGON'S POINT AND ARE SIMPLY BRINGING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT LAW DECREE.

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